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News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In September 2001, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued **six (6) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past month.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128** and then press **"zero" (0) to speak with Product Safety**. You should leave your name, your organization's name and a phone number.

Following is a listing of the 6 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number:

- ❖ Maya Wrap is recalling Infant Carriers/Slings. #01-225
- ❖ Kids II is recalling Butterfly Baby Toys. #01-227
- ❖ Racing Champions Ertl, Inc. is recalling Children's Toy Toolboxes. #01-228
- ❖ National Service Industries Inc. is recalling Drain Cleaners. #01-233
- ❖ Blue Coral is recalling Rain-X® Glass Cleaner & Washer Fluid. #01-234
- ❖ American Suzuki Motor Corp is recalling Youth ATVs. #01-235

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

"KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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Release Number: 01-225 Maya Wrap, of Omaha, Neb., is voluntarily recalling about 5,000 infant carriers/slings. The recalled carriers/slings are made of 100-percent cotton fabric with two metal support rings. The rings measure 1/8-inch in width. They were sold in a variety of colors, prints, and sizes. A large white label sewn in the slings reads in part, "MAYA WRAP" and "ECHO EN GUATEMALA". Web sites and individual distributors nationwide sold these carrier/slugs from January 2001 through July 2001 for between \$30 and \$40. Also, eight children's boutiques in various states sold these carrier/slugs. Carriers/slugs with 1/4-inch width rings are not included in this recall.

Problem: The welds of the metal rings that support the carriers/slugs can break, posing a fall hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these carriers/slugs immediately and call Maya Wrap at (800) 501-9979 anytime, or go to the firm's web site at www.mayawrap.com for instructions on how to have the carriers/slugs repaired.



• <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01225.html>

Release Number: 01-227 Kids II, of Alpharetta, Ga., is voluntarily recalling about 21,000 Carter's butterfly baby toys. The recall involves Carter's Activity Butterflies with 3-inch long bendable antennae. The body of the stuffed butterfly toy is green and purple and the wings are multi-colored. The toy makes various "fun sounds" when squeezed. The stuffed stars on the ends of the antennae contain a squeaker and a rattle. The lower wings make a crinkle sound and one of the upper wings contains a mirror. The toy has model number 50052 written on a small tag behind one of its wings. A date code on the opposite side of this tag ends with, "00433," "00856," "01003," or "01148." Mass

merchandise and juvenile specialty stores nationwide sold these butterfly toys from February 2001 through August 2001 for between \$15 and \$20. Butterfly toys with short antennae, about 1 3/4-inches long, do not contain wire, and are not part of the recall.

Problem: The antennae on these butterfly toys contain wire that can pass through the fabric, causing cuts and scratches to babies.

What to do: Consumers should take these toys away from babies immediately, and return the toy to the store where purchased or contact Kids II for a free replacement butterfly toy. For more information, consumers should call Kids II toll-free at (877) 325-7056 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's web site at www.kidsii.com.



• <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01227.html>

Release Number: 01-228 Racing Champions Ertl Inc. (RCE), of Dyersville, Iowa, is voluntarily recalling about 11,600 John Deere Kids Toolboxes. The children's toolbox is a soft-shelled, plastic, green box with a yellow handle and yellow raised letters that read "John Deere." A John Deere Kids logo with a fawn inside a red oval is imprinted on the front of the toolbox. The toolbox is sold with a green and yellow plastic ratchet wrench and pliers inside. Stamped on the bottom of the product is "JOHN DEERE LICENSED PRODUCT" and "MADE IN CHINA." All yellow-handled toolboxes are included in this recall. John Deere dealers and other farm supply retail stores nationwide sold the toys from June 2001 through September 2001 for about \$13. John Deere Toolboxes with green handles are not included in this recall.

Problem: The toy's carrying handle can break, creating small parts and a sharp plastic edge that pose a choking and laceration hazard to young children.

What to do: Parents and caregivers should take the toy away from young children immediately and contact RCE at (866) 898-4999 anytime for instructions on returning these toys and receiving a free replacement toolbox.



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Release Number: 01-233 National Service Industries Inc. (NSI), of Atlanta, Ga., is voluntarily recalling about 1.1 million bottles of drain cleaner sold in 64 oz., child-resistant bottles. The following provides information concerning the four types of drain cleaners involved in this recall. Only 64-oz. bottles are affected.

Zep Commercial –

- 10 Minute Hair Clog Remover
UPC 21709-52206
- Drain Care Professional Strength
Drain Opener Clog Remover
UPC 21709-60060

Call (888) 805-4357, 9-5, M-F

www.zepcommercial.com

zephhelp@zepcommercial.com

Enforcer –

- 10 Minute Hair Clog Remover
UPC 21709-52206
- Drain Care Professional Strength
Drain Opener Clog Remover
UPC 21709-52212

Call (800) 241-5656 Ext. 686, 9-5, M-F

www.enforcer.com

plumbing@enforcer.com

The Drain Opener Clog Remover bottles and caps are white and the Hair Clog Remover bottles and caps are red. Each bottle has the brand name - "Zep Commercial" or "Enforcer" - on a label that also read in part, "Keep all chemicals out of reach of children." Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Kmart and hardware stores nationwide sold these cleaners from January 2001 through August 2001 for between \$3 and \$6.

Problem: The bottles can leak, allowing the contents of the cleaner to come into contact with consumers. These cleaners can cause irritation and burns to the skin and eyes.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the cleaners immediately and contact the appropriate company to receive a free replacement cap. Consumers should not return the recalled cleaner to the store where purchased.



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Release Number: 01-234 Blue Coral, of Cleveland, Ohio is voluntarily recalling about 1.1 million containers of Rain-X® glass cleaner and washer fluid. The recalled products include three brands: Rain-X® Super Glass Cleaner Concentrate, which was sold in 10-oz. and 16.9-oz. plastic bottles, is a blue concentrated liquid that should be added to water; Rain-X® Plus Washer Fluid Concentrate, which was sold in 10-oz. and 16.9-oz. Plastic bottles and single-use 1.2-oz. pouches, is a pink concentrated liquid that also should be added to water; and Rain-X® Washer Fluid Additive, which was sold in single-use 2-oz. pouches. The Glass Cleaner and Washer Fluid bottles have a measuring cup built into the cap. A label on the back of the products reads in part, "Blue Coral Slick 50 Ltd." and "Made in USA." Hardware, automotive and department stores nationwide sold the recalled Rain-X® products from September 1998 through August 2001 for between \$1 and \$5. Rain-X® Washer Fluid Additive sold in 10-oz. and 16.9-oz. yellow bottles is not subject to this recall.

Problem: The products, which contain methyl alcohol, are not sealed with child-resistant closures as required by federal law. Methyl alcohol, also known as methanol, is toxic and can cause blindness or death if ingested.

What to do: Consumers should keep these recalled products out of the reach of young children. Consumers should call Blue Coral toll-free at (800) 416-1600 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday for information on receiving replacement child-resistant caps and a coupon toward a Rain-X® product. Consumers also can visit the company's websites at www.bluecoral.com or www.rain-x.com.



1-800-422-7128 (toll free in Wisconsin)
or (608) 224-4988

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01234.html>

Recall Number: 01-235 American Suzuki Motor Corp., of Brea, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 7,400 youth all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). These are 2002 model year Suzuki "QuadMaster 50" ATVs designed for children 6 to 12 years old. The ATV has "QuadMaster 50" written on both sides of the bodywork. Suzuki dealers sold these ATVs nationwide from March 2001 through August 2001 for a list price of about \$1,800.

Problem: The drive chain on these ATVs could come off the sprockets and lock the rear axle. This could cause the driver to lose control of the ATV and crash, possibly resulting in injury or death.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these ATVs immediately and contact their local Suzuki dealer to schedule an appointment for a free repair. For more information, consumers should call American Suzuki Customer Service Department at (714) 572-1490 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday. Purchasers were sent direct mail notification of this recall.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01235.html>

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